

Earth Day Community Cleanup

Day planning begins

Regional communities are gearing up for the observance of Earth Day in April. Earth Month will be commemorated with activities, workshops, educational programs and a Community Cleanup Day on April 19.

The Fluor Community Involvement Team and Team Battelle are adopting cleanup projects for April 19. If you would like to join these teams in their cleanup efforts call Calvin Dudney of Fluor Hanford at 373-6267 or Sandra Cannon of Battelle at (509) 529-1535. You may also call the contacts of individual projects to participate in the cleanup.



Among the activities planned for April 19 is a workday for trail maintenance and upkeep at the Chamna Preserve, sponsored by the Tapteal Greenway Association. Contact Ginger Wireman at 946-9692 or 736-3008 for more information.

The Benton Franklin Volunteer Center is scheduling senior and disabled citizen yard cleanup projects. Call the Volunteer Center at 582-0631 to adopt a yard.

The Atomic Ducks Dive Club needs certified divers to help clean the trash out of the Columbia River on April 19. Non-divers are also needed for shore support. Call Carol Porter at 373-7402 during the day and 943-5019 in the evening.

Groups are encouraged to participate in the Adopt-a-Highway litter cleanup on or around April 20. Call Tim Arntzen at 545-3405 to schedule your group.

Throughout April, cell phones and accessories that are no longer needed can be donated to the National Donate-a-Phone Program. They are repaired and provided to domestic violence victims. Phone-collection containers will be placed at the Richland Public Library and Mid-Columbia Public Library branches. For more information, log onto **www.donateaphone.com**.

Visit **[http://www.tcfm.org/earth day/](http://www.tcfm.org/earth%20day/)** to see the schedule of activities planned for April. At this site, you may also download forms to register a community cleanup project or sign up to participate in a cleanup project. ■